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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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SUBJECT: Semi-Annual Status Report for the NSC on the Foreign Intelligence Program

1. This report has been prepared in response to an NSC Memorandum dated 17 December 1954 requesting that CIA, in "consultation with other departments and agencies as may be appropriate" submit a report on "the status of the foreign intelligence program and related activities as of December 31, 1954." This NSC request implements a presidential directive that the departments and agencies responsible for the several national security programs prepare semi-annual status reports. Because of the short notice and the necessity for extensive coordination, there has been some delay beyond the requested date for submission, 1 February.

2. This is the 9th report of this kind that has been submitted since 1951. From time to time, the usefulness of this type of reporting procedure has been questioned. The present report eliminates some matters of detail, formerly included, and is somewhat more directly responsive to the objectives in current national security policies in paragraph 10a of NSC 162/2. It is believed that further development along this line can be made in future reports.

3. The present report was prepared by the IAC Secretariat with full participation by the IAC agencies. Within CIA, all offices of the DD/I participated, as did DD/P and [redacted] office. IAC Subcommittees, in particular JAEIC, EIC, and SEC, participated through the representatives of the responsible Assistant Directors. Coordination meetings were chaired by [redacted] Assistant Secretary, IAC.

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4. There were no dissents recorded by the representatives with the exception of the ONI footnote to the paragraph on "Target Materials Production" on page 6. ONI registered a reservation to this same paragraph in the report for 1 July 1954 (IAC-D-55/7). An effort was made to eliminate this paragraph entirely, consistent with our effort to remove needless detail. The Air Force was prepared to do this but

ONI did not concur. It is our judgment that both the paragraph and footnote should be removed and we so recommend.

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Secretary
Intelligence Advisory Committee